



School Social Workers: Helping Students Balance School, Home and Community

For many students in elementary through high school, the biggest barriers to learning aren't their abilities or the subject matter. Family issues and emotional or behavioral difficulties—including homelessness, poverty, abuse/neglect, sexual identity issues and mental health problems—can severely undermine a student's chances of success in the classroom and in life.

School social workers are the link between the school, home and community. They can prevent students from falling through the cracks. Among other things, they identify and assess the needs of students and their families, counsel and advocate for them, link them with community resources, and intervene in crises such as teen suicides, alcohol-related deaths and school violence.



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Licensure Program



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About the Program

The School Social Work (SSW) Licensure Program at The Ohio State University College of Social Work is a specialized curriculum in the MSW program. Graduates are eligible



for a SSW license from the Ohio Department of Education (ODE), and all licensure requirements are completed during the program. SSW program graduates are employed by public, private and charter schools, and by community mental health agencies that provide contract services in schools.

The curriculum includes an advanced field practicum completed in a school setting and provides graduates with the necessary skills and competencies to effect change through a number of different avenues: direct intervention, administrative change, community awareness and policy reform.

All courses are taught on the Columbus campus. The amount of time it takes to complete the SSW Licensure Program is dependent on many factors, such as a student's current status in an MSW program, how recently their MSW degree was obtained, whether they take classes full or part time and when their field practicum is completed. Not every course is offered every semester, and classes are not currently available online.

Who can apply for the SSW Licensure Program?

- Ohio State students currently enrolled in the MSW Program
- Ohio State graduates who have completed the MSW clinical curriculum*
- MSW graduates from other accredited programs*

* Transcripts will be reviewed on an individual basis to determine further coursework requirements.

What specific coursework is required?

- SWK 7630 Integrated Seminar I on Child & Youth Services
- SWK 7631 Integrated Seminar II on Child & Youth Services
- (Micro) SWK 7517 Social Work Practice in Schools
- (Micro) SWK 7511 SW with Children & Adolescents
- ESSPED 5650 Introduction to Exceptional Children

Plus one of the following micro-level courses:

- SWK 7512 Clinical SW Practice with Couples & Families
- SWK 7513 Clinical Social Work with Groups
- SWK 7514 Behavioral Methods in Social Work
- SWK 7515 Crisis Intervention and Trauma Treatment
- SWK 7516 Assessment & Diagnosis in Social Work Practice
- SWK 7518 Advanced Case Management

Plus one of the following macro-level courses:

- SWK 7530 Needs Assessment & Program Design
- SWK 7531 Resource Acquisition for Human Service Organizations
- SWK 7532 Supervision and Human Resource Management
- SWK 7534 Prevention Strategies in Social Work Practice
- SWK 7550 Community Practice & Development
- SWK 7551 Strategic Planning for Organizational and Community Change

If following the SSW track while obtaining an MSW at Ohio State, these required courses will be included as part of the student's educational plan established with the MSW Program Office.

What are the ODE eligibility requirements to become a school social worker?

- Master's degree in social work in a clinical/direct practice concentration
- One year of successful experience in a public, private or chartered school under a professional license; or one year of social work experience under a current license issued by the Ohio Counselor and Social Worker and Marriage and Family Therapist Board; or a graduate level social work practicum in a public, private or chartered school
- Current license to practice social work issued by the Ohio Counselor and Social Worker and Marriage and Family Therapist Board
- Additional coursework specific to SSW practice



Registration Procedure

Graduates of The Ohio State University College of Social Work should email the MSW Program Office at msw@osu.edu to complete a reactivation form.

All other applicants should submit a graduate non-degree application at gradadmissions.osu.edu/non-degree.

Information on Graduate Courses

To search for courses, course descriptions and availability, consult the Master Schedule of Classes and Course Bulletin at registrar.osu.edu.

CONTACT US AT 614/292-2972 OR MSW@OSU.EDU FOR MORE INFORMATION!